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'The Enthusiator' inspires PUC



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Former National Champion football player for the Nebraska Cornhuskers Aaron Davis gave tips to students to ensure a better college experience last thursday outside The Center.

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

Known as "The Enthusiator," motivational speaker Aaron Davis greeted each student before offering advice and strategies to "experience a greater college success."

Using his humor and "keeping it real" style, Davis, a former member of the Nebraska football team, shared his experiences while in college to relate to students' present situations.

Davis also gave tips to use during their years in college while about 30 students and faculty members gathered on the field outside The Center last Thursday.

Warning against befriending the wrong crowd and getting involved in drugs during college, Davis advised students to beware of the people they spend time with.

"Watch the people you chill with," Davis said. "You cannot chill with everybody."

Davis added one of the biggest mistakes he sees with students is with time management and advised them to learn to deal with having more availability wisely.

Davis emphasized students' attendance and involvement within the classroom will be recognized by instructors. Doing so will show dedication, even if struggling during the course.

"Every test you take, do it to win. Every test matters. Make each one count," Davis said. "Play to win, inside and outside the classroom."

"I challenge you all to sit in the front row. There's always room up there. You act like you going to catch a disease up there."

"Motivating" is not something Davis enjoys hearing others say when describing his speeches. He prefers the "challenge" students to contemplate the choices they make. Davis also encourages students to motivate themselves and not wait for others to do so.

"It's about making them think," Davis said after the

speech. "It's about these students. If they walk away with learning one thing, then I'm glad."

Author of the book "10 Minute Truths," Davis is also founder of "Truth Enterprises," a company which assists individuals by promoting excellence and specializes in motivational presentations, according to allstara-gency.com.

Davis travels to different campuses around the nation, working full time for the past seven years solely on giving his motivational speeches.

"I know students here with heavy workloads and school, sports and all the things you are involved in, there can be bumps in the road," Director of Fitness, Wellness and Sports Rob Jensen said prior to Davis' speech. "I think Aaron is the perfect person to address how he was able to handle that and move onto his very successful career."

'Best and Brightest' win scholarship

KAYLN NELSON
Chronicle Correspondent

A golden opportunity for student involvement in the community paid off for six area students from Northwest Indiana and nearby Illinois communities.

Through the Best and Brightest Scholarship program, applicants were invited to write a 350-500 word essay in response to the question "How will you use your college education to contribute to your community?"

Scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to six PUC students in the "Best of the Best" essay contest.

The winners are Melissa Bishop of Hobart, April Buckley of Chicago's East Side, Amanda Modschiedler of Crestwood, IL., Tyamo Okosun of Michigan City, Nicole Pluskota of Lansing, IL. And Stephanie Sivak of Hegewisch, IL.

"I was really happy winning

this, since I am an out-of-state student, and this helps with my tuition," said essay winner Amanda Modschiedler, a junior majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Ron Kovach, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the winning essays were "well-written and indicated a high level of academic achievement." Honesty and sincerity is what stood out with the winning essays, he added.

Established to recognize and assist students who display high academic excellence, this is the third year for the program, which was created by Dr. Nabil Ibrahim, vice chancellor of academic affairs. The scholarship is open to any new student enrolling at PUC who meets the scholarship requirements.

The scholarship is renewable for up to four consecutive years providing a minimum grade point average of 3.0 is achieved and the student being enrolled in 15 or more credit hours per semester.

Celebrating National Literacy Day



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Chancellor Howard Cohen takes some time to read to children at the Riley Child Care Center Friday in celebration of National Literacy Day, which happened to fall on Cohen's birthday.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Campus prepares for emergencies

This being the week of 9/11, albeit five years removed from the infamous events of 2001, it seems appropriate to share with you various ways in which our campus is preparing for emergencies.

Emergency preparedness at Purdue Calumet is a multi-faceted initiative that requires appropriate response to an event or situation that could adversely affect or has affected the health, safety or welfare of students, faculty, staff, campus visitors, facilities, environment or reputation of the university.

Purdue Calumet has taken a proactive role in its approach to emergency preparedness.

Here's what we're doing. . .

- An Emergency Procedures brochure, focusing on appropriate responses to various urgent/emergency situations that may occur on campus, is displayed in each classroom, lab and office.
- A Crisis Response Team of senior administrators has been organized, with each member and his/her designated back-up responsible for specific duties as they relate to any emergency/crisis;
- This Crisis Response Team (CRT) engages in monthly emergency table top training exercises. During these exercises an emergency scenario is presented and administrators must talk through the steps of appropriate response. The exercises are supervised by instructor and emergency preparedness expert Dean Larsen.
- The October exercise will be expanded. Joining participating CRT members will be deans, department heads and directors as possible participants.
- A *Crisis Communication Plan* has been developed. The plan seeks to:
 - factually assess a potential crisis/emergency situation,
 - assemble crisis communication teams as need be,
 - satisfy a "one-hour" objective (that is, provide a credible response to the campus and community within one hour after awareness of any emergency/crisis); and
 - communicate appropriate messages and updates in a timely manner.
- A plan in response to a potential outbreak of pandemic flu is being developed under the coordination of a Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee chaired by Student Health Services Center Director Maureen Panares.
- The plan will include a web page, accessible from the Purdue Calumet Web site at www.calumet.purdue.edu, that will provide important information and updates.
- The pandemic flu web page is part of a comprehensive emergency preparedness web component that will inform students, faculty and staff, as well as keep them up to speed about the latest developments relating to campus crises.

"We are pursuing emergency preparedness on many fronts," Purdue Calumet Police Chief Stephen Chaddock. "We have updated our campus emergency plans, emergency reference guides and evacuation routes and signage, and we have been working and meeting with other area colleges and universities to build emergency strategic partnerships."

CALENDAR IT. . .

- Please be advised that due to the set-up for Friday's (9/15) Diamond Jubilee—Purdue Calumet's 60th anniversary celebration—Peregrine Express drop-off and departure on campus will be temporarily relocated Thursday-Saturday, (9/13-15). Rather than the Student Union & Library circular drive, riders can exit and board the Peregrine Express a couple hundred yards south of that location at the intersection of parking lots north of 173rd Street. The temporary location will be marked.

What's Going' On?

A look around

Educational Study Cruise

All majors can sign up for HTM 390-O Educational Study Cruise to Mexico in May 2007.

Students must be 21 years old by May 14, 2007.

Cruise dates are set for Monday, May 14 through Saturday, May 19, 2007. Students will spend five days in New Orleans, Louisiana, Costa Maya, Mexico and Cozumel, Mexico on Carnival's *Fantasy*.

For more information, contact Professor GERALYN FARLEY at 989-2714 or by e-mail at farley@calumet.purdue.edu.

New club on campus

The Financial Management Association for Students is a new club on campus focused on accounting and finance. It is open to all students.

The club's first meeting is Thursday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. with a guest speaker from the accounting firm of Crowe, Chizek and Company LLC.

For more information about the club or how to join, visit life.calumet.purdue.edu/fmas/

NSBE seeks members

The National Society of Black Engineers is looking for new members.

Come see the exciting things they are planning for the incoming semester.

For more information, e-mail the organization at presleyw1@calumet.purdue.edu

Diamond Jubilee

In celebrating the 60 year anniversary, PUC will host the Diamond Jubilee. An evening filled with authentic cuisine and music will be held on Friday, Sept. 16 at the SUL at 6:30 p.m.

Diamond Jubilee tickets are available in advance and can be purchased by contacting the Office of Advancement at 989-2323.

Purdue Vocal Company

Like to sing? Enjoy music? Then please plan to attend an informational meeting for the Purdue Vocal Company on Tuesday, Sept. 12 in SUL room 353.

If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please fill out an information sheet available from the director, Patricia Hales, in Porter 114A.

The choir meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in SUL 353.

Body Under Re-Construction

Body Under Re-Construction is an incentive program to assist with a safe and effective exercise program and healthy weight loss.

The program begins Sept. 18. There is a \$30 entry fee.

It includes start/finish measurements, weekly weigh-ins, personalized exercise program and nutritional information.

Those interested must pay and sign up for a pre-test before starting program.

For further information, please contact the Fitness Center 989-2175.

Competition registration deadline

Purdue Business Plan Competition registration deadline is Sept. 15. The competition offers cash prizes of \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 to the top three business plan submissions.

For more information contact Donna George, competition coordinator, at 989-2600 or georged@calumet.purdue.edu.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or the News Department located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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Employment opportunities available on campus

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PUC offers various opportunities for students to work on campus, from tutoring high school students to helping with events at the Calumet Conference Center.

One of the ways students could find about what jobs were available at the departments and programs of the university was at the Student Employment Fair, which was held at Alumni Hall on Aug. 31.

Cathy Taylor, coordinator of the Student Employment Office, said that the benefits for a student finding a job on campus is that the supervisors are more understanding of the student's study schedule and that they are more flexible in making sure that the student's education comes first. As Student Employment Coordinator, Taylor works with various supervisors to post job listings on CareerTrax, the school's online job database system. She also holds workshops

about helping students registering and using CareerTrax to post their resumes and look for jobs. Her advice for students that want to apply for a job on campus was to register on CareerTrax and to have their resumes reviewed at Career Services before uploading them into their accounts.

Educational Talent Search was one program looking for new student workers to hire. The positions students could apply for were working in the office and tutoring students from grades 6-12.

Dorothy Shaifer, secretary at ETS, said the purpose of the program is to motivate the middle and high school students to go on and further their education.

"To hear a student say 'I can go on to college' after their grades have improved or taking a campus tour is very rewarding," said Shaifer.

To apply for working in the office, Shaifer said students must be part of work study program and have good communication skills in answering the phones. For tu-

toring, students must have knowledge of the subject they are helping the student with.

Another place on campus offering jobs for students was the Calumet Conference Center, which holds meetings, seminars and other events for the university and local and community groups not affiliated with the university.

Ed Mamrila, general manager, said they are looking for work-study students who are majoring in business or hospitality and tourism management to work in the office. They would be required to answer phones and handle guest questions. In facilities their duties would include greeting the guests, assisting the caterers, and helping with setup the meeting rooms for event. Mamrila said the students need to be able to present themselves pleasantly and professionally.

Shelly Robinson, director of Career Services, said the benefits students get from working on campus allow for a more flexible schedule and enables them to gain

experience in their fields. She added that in finding a job and developing a career, students need to understand the steps needed to prepare oneself in finding a job and transferring from college to the business world. One way this is being done is through a new workshop program called "Backpacks to Briefcases."

"Our goal is to assess the programs we are offering students and cater to their needs as they move from campus to career," said Robinson.

The first workshop "Social Networking and the Job Search" is scheduled for Sept. 20 and will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of students using MySpace and other social-network sites that businesses might be viewing when looking for future employees.

Future workshop will focus on learning how to network, professional etiquette and understanding company benefits.

Want to apply?

For more information contact:

CareerTrax
Cathy Taylor at 989-4119.

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Ed Mamrila at 989-3136.

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'Making Relationships Matter' according to real life 'Hitch' to come to PUC

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to ask their questions written on note cards for Coleman to answer. This method prevents embarrassment, is done in a non-threatening manner and encourages students to ask the questions they have, said Peters.



Have relationship problems? Then join "America's Real Life 'Hitch'" David Coleman for his presentation of "Making Relationships Matter" at noon Monday in the SUL student lounge.

Also known as "The Dating Doctor," Coleman, nine-time National Speaker of the Year by both The National Association for Campus and Campus Activities Magazine, will teach how to form and maintain meaningful relationship, according to the university's website.

Yet this program is not limited to making only romantic relationships work.

"This can be used for family relationships and friendships," said Carole Peters, student affairs specialist.

Peters added the dean of students department receives many student to student conflicts, ranging from disagreements with roommates to domestic violence. She viewed this as a good reason to invite Coleman to speak on campus.

All student, faculty members and those part of the PUC community are welcome to join in the part-question forum, part workshop program.

"He's popular amongst the students," said Peters. "He comments well, and really gives it straight, frank answers."

Having previously worked with Coleman at Ohio State, she said students there wanted to repeat his program after he visited once before.

Coleman is also author of "101 Great Dates, Prescriptions for Life and Relationships" and "DateSmart!"

For more information about Coleman's program, visit www.datingdoctor.com or www.colemanproductions.com.



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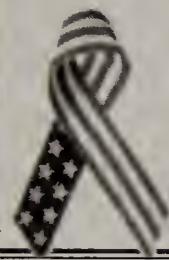
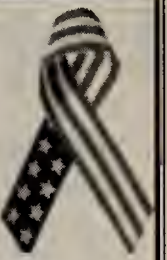
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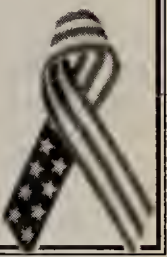
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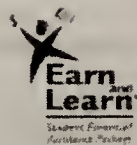
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Technical Assistance is Now Available to Students

Over the past year, many technology changes were made to better serve student technology needs. Students can now contact the Computing Services & Support Center (CSSC) for technology related assistance.

Although there are several methods of contacting the CSSC, the preferred method is via web requests. You may submit a request at <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis> and click on Request Service Now. You will need your login username. All student requests will be responded to via your NetMail account. Requests may take between 24 to 48 hours to resolve. Please include the nature of the request and a contact phone number when placing a request.

Alternate forms of submitting requests are via personal visit at Gyte 133, e-mail at cscc@calumet.purdue.edu, or by telephone at 219-989-2888, option 2.

Visit the CSSC in Gyte 133 to pick up a Student Computing Resource Guide. This handy booklet contains information relating to placing service requests and the technology available to students on campus as listed below.

Student Technology Resources

As a student at Purdue Calumet, you have several computing resources available to you. These resources include:

- 50 MB of network storage space.
- A university email address.
- Space for personal website development.
- Online access to your student records.
- Online access to a variety of library services.
- Space for group projects in the Main Lab and the 3rd floor of the SFLC.
- Free McAfee Anti-virus software.
- Access to computers and specialized software in over 34 computer labs.
- Consulting services through the Main Computer Lab in the Powers building.
- Ability to purchase computer software at minimum prices in the bookstore.
- Wireless access to the campus network.

Information on these services can be obtained through the Computing Services & Support Center in Gyte 133.

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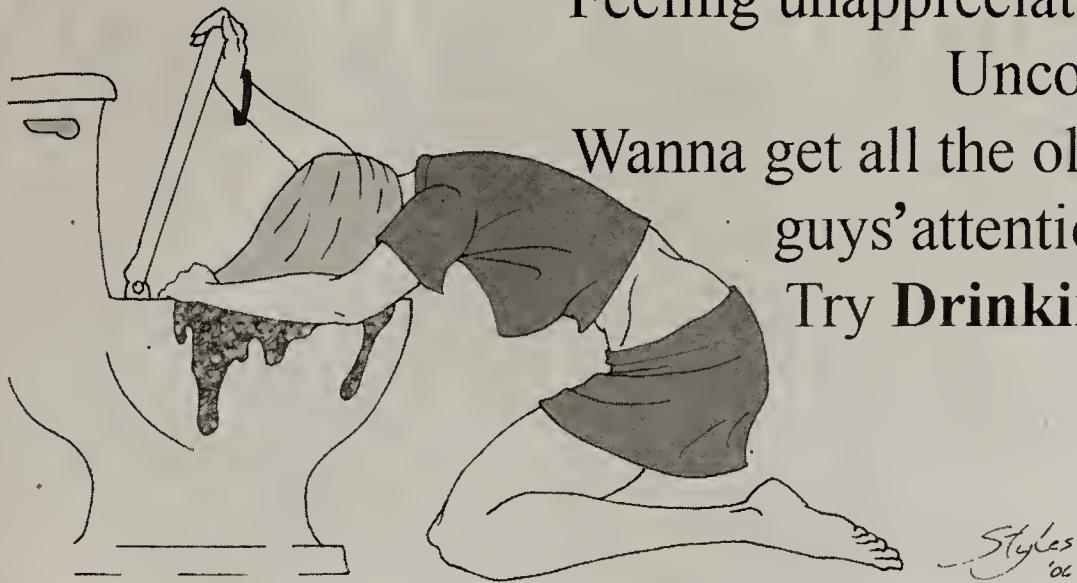
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JESSICA COCHRAN
Entertainment Editor

After the attacks on the World Trade Center, there was such a dramatic change within the country. Almost everybody seemed to be united behind a common cause. Flags were flown and yellow ribbons hung everywhere, bearing the words "Support our Troops."

Look at our country now. It's very rare to see flags hanging, and it's even rarer to see yellow ribbon-decorated yards.

Even if you don't agree with the war in

Iraq, or believe in anything that President Bush has to say, why take it out on our troops? Think about the thousands of men and women overseas fighting for our country. They are the ones willing to risk their lives for the safety of our own. And how do we repay them, by asking them to sign campaigns to end the war? I don't think that's fair. It's as if we're saying that we don't appreciate what they do.

I recently talked to a friend of mine who specifically asked to be deployed to Iraq after the attacks. He wanted to be there because of the situation our country was in, and thought that it was better for him to go than a man with a wife and kids.

It's true that not every person in the military wants to be at war, but they do want to protect the freedom of our country. I was told most people in the service believe if they weren't fighting overseas that they would be fighting the enemy on our own soil, and that it hurts to see people not supporting them.

It's their job, just like the firefighter who puts out a fire or the police officer who catches a criminal. Men and women in the military fight for what they believe is right so that the next generation of children will have the freedom to believe in whatever they choose.

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Life goes on, friends come and go

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

In the past year, I've seen four of my closest friends find their way out of my life.

I like to call them broken friendships. Best friends lost and potential love interests gone in a matter of minutes.

It felt uneasy at first. Yet as time went on, I began to adapt to this "new" life and new daily routines. You're used to that afternoon phone call; your best friend calling to see what's in store for the day. You receive a text message from your love interest, saying "I miss you." You expect a friend to drop by, just to kill time and steal

food from the fridge.

And one day, that's all gone.

The biggest lesson to be learned is life goes on. It seems difficult at first but you get used to the "new." You notice yourself slowly move on. New friends come along. New love interests catch your eye. New routines arise. And all is well, again.

Take those broken friendships and learn.

Someone once told me friends will come and go. They last for a certain period of your life and slowly fade away. I quickly agreed and emphasized my understanding of this.

But I really didn't know what it was or how it could potentially feel.

Now I do.

The key thing is to learn, grow from it and most importantly forgive and try to forget.

How you deal with it really reflects the person you are. Be the bigger person and say "it's ok" because this gives you the opportunity to gain more.

And I have gained so much more. I'm grateful for these broken friendships. They give us a chance to be open to more friendships and even become a new and better person. They teach us who we should really call our friends. It teaches us to forgive.

It may hurt at first but in the end, things will be great again.

Take my word for it.

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Alcohol: The number one college drug

Students all over the country use drinking as a means of socializing. Besides being a nationally accepted form of fun and as a way to meet new people, it can also tend to be dangerous when abused. Many students have found out the hard way drinking can not only cause physical harm to themselves or others but it may also lead to psychological problems that could wipe out the future that they have worked to build.

A survey was conducted last year of over 7,100 Indiana college students by Lisa Hutcheson, Director of the Indiana Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking.

The survey indicated that 65 percent of students under the age of 21 had a drink within the past 30 days and 71 percent of all participants had a drink within that time.

This is an alarming rate of students breaking the law to uphold a social standard of relations.

In the same survey, 35 percent of students said drinking had been associated with domestic problems such as fighting or confrontations with the police.

This same percentage of people reported suicidal thoughts, physical harm to themselves and trying unsuccessfully to stop.

Serious effects of drinking on school work are also evident from the data. 59 percent of the students reported having hangovers, which could effect their classes and 18 percent of participants reported academic failure.

The scariest part of this survey, though, is the amount of sexual harassment as a result of alcohol. 10 percent reported that alcohol and drug use was involved with being taken advantage of sexually. While sexual harassment is becoming a growing problem among campus life in America, alcohol could be playing a major role in the cause of this increase.

Even drinking occasionally isn't necessarily better than binge drinking. The fact is that alcohol kills brain cells that could be useful for learning in school, should be enough to prevent students from drinking. Drinking in moderation and responsibly though, is much safer than heavy alcohol use.

Alcohol is becoming a major problem in domestic life in America. The next time you're at a party and about to take the first sip of that drink, think about your future.

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Students speak out about 9/11...

Where were you on September 11, 2001?



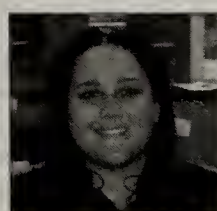
"I was at home in India watching the news and I was very surprised. How could something like that happen? The person who planned that had quite a brain."

Akshay Kumar, MBA



"I was going to school in China and I saw the newspaper. I was very sad. It's a human tragedy."

Sherry Xu, engineering, freshman



"I was getting ready to drive to work in Chicago. My mom called and told me. She didn't want me to go to work. So, I didn't go."

Amanda Aguilera, psychology, sophomore

'We did it all for the Pringles'

Snack food sparks idea for new business

MELISSA BATKA
Undergraduate Advisor

In early August, three 19-year-old men fulfilled their business aspirations and hunger for snacks when they opened the doors of the Lazy Lounge in Highland.

"Pringles were our inspiration," said Kevin Pete as he describes the fateful day the business partners ran out of their favorite food. "We did it all for the Pringles."

The three owners, all from Highland, left their college careers behind and worked an entire summer to save enough money make their entrepreneurial dreams come true.

The Lazy Lounge features traditional Middle Eastern smoking devices called Hookahs, a variety of flavored

tobaccos and is described by the three owners as a bar for people 18 to 20 years old.

The dimly lit, smoked-filled room is decorated with band posters and Christmas lights and offers a pool table, video games and live music on the weekends. Dan Crook, a former PUC student, said business has been booming since their grand opening and bands are booked through October.

Tony Wogan said he thinks the "chill" atmosphere and late hours will set them apart from other Hookah bars and appeal to a younger crowd.

"We are really laid back. We don't care if you bring in your own food and we are cheaper than other Hookah bars, too," said Wogan.

PUC students Ed Crawley, a 20-year-old business management manager, and his friend Darren Grimm, a 19-year-old general studies major, said they thought the environment was relaxed and fun.

"I think the live bands will be what sets them apart from other area Hookah bars," said Grimm who said plans on returning in the future.

Aside from Hookahs, beverages and snack items are available for purchase, but Pringles did not make the menu.

"We want the Pringles all for ourselves," Pete said.



Chinatown photo by Melissa Batka
IUN student Jimmy Mavraganes, 19 said Lazy Lounge is better than AladdinPita because it caters to a younger crowd.

If you go...

The Lazy Lounge is open seven days a week from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. at 3901 45th St. in Highland.

Guests must be 18 years old to enter and a cover may be charged at the door on evenings when bands are playing.

Hookahs are available for \$9

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Artfully excessive, 'Crank' succeeds



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Full of action, adventure, and gratuitous violence, "Crank" is worth the trip to the theater.

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

"Crank" is an action film for the MTV generation. Writers/directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor take everything to the extreme in this intense and fantastic thriller.

Chev Chelios (Jason Statham) is having a very bad day. Just when he is ready to end his career as a hitman, mostly because of a clueless but sweet girlfriend named Eve (Amy Smart), he finds out he's living on borrowed time.

Chelios has been injected with the "Beijing cocktail" – a deadly Chinese drug that inhibits his adrenaline and will likely kill him within the hour. His only hope to stay alive long enough to track down and kill Verona, the gangster who doped him (Jose Pablo Cantillo), is to keep the adrenaline in his body flowing. If he slows down, he'll die.

Imagine every way a man can think to keep his adrenaline pumping – Chelios does it all. En route to find Verona, Chelios speeds through L.A. streets (even on a stolen police motorcycle), beats up other gangsters, terrorizes hospital employees in an attempt to find drugs and has violent public sex with his girlfriend in front of a bus full of tourists in Chinatown.

The film succeeds largely because the cinematography keeps up with the plot. Split screen, CGI, occasional subtitles, slow motion, visually blurred lines between reality and perception – "Crank" has it all and it works.

In another nod to the current generation, movement between locations is noted on a Google map which pops up on screen, complete with the name of the next location.

"Crank" sometimes feels a bit like "Pulp Fiction," where the satire makes the violence welcome and the story is driven by

the characters as much as the action. You might not be rooting for Chelios to find a seemingly impossible cure and live, but you're at least rooting for him to kill Verona before he dies.

Neveldine and Taylor made a couple of unlikely but fortunate choices in supporting roles. Efron Ramirez (of "Napoleon Dynamite" fame) plays the "flaming club kid" stereotype with surprising style. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is outstanding as the deadpan underground doctor communicating with Chelios via phone while returning from out of town.

Worth the trip to the theater for those who enjoy action, adventure, and gratuitous violence, "Crank" requires a fairly strong stomach and a willingness to put morals on the back burner for a very raw 85 minutes. Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language, sexuality, nudity, and drug use, "Crank" is a film that truly shows that excess can be art.

Never forget 'United 93'

JESSICA COCHRAN
Entertainment Editor

Written and directed by Paul Greengrass, "United 93" delivers an unforgettable look into one of the darkest days of our generation.

This film gives a real time account of the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001. It creatively follows what was happening both on United flight 93 and on the ground, as passengers, crew, Military Command Centers and Flight Traffic Controllers all try to make sense of what is going on.

The atmosphere is overwhelming from the very beginning. The opening scene sends chills through the audience as the terrorists recite a prayer, and the tension mounts as they sit side by side with passengers waiting to board the plane.

United 93 is the last of four planes to be hijacked. Once in the air, the hijacking unfolds and it's up to the passengers and crew members to choose whether they should stay silent or stand up and fight back against the Al Qaeda cell.

Although the film is chaotic, and slightly confusing at the be-



This film hits home as passengers and crew members call their loved ones for an emotional last goodbye.

Photo courtesy of salvationist.ca

ginning, it still reaches the emotions of the audience. It's heart-wrenching as the men and women call their loved ones for the last time. They knew what was hap-

pening. They wanted to say goodbye.

"United 93" is a very realistic film. It comes off almost like a documentary; given that the color

and focus is not as crisp as in other box-office hits. There are no big-name actors that take away from the focus, and the actors themselves seem to hesitate on lines

and stutter, making it all the more real. In fact, many of the air traffic controllers and military personnel play themselves. By doing this, Greengrass creates an even more truthful and accurate account of the flight. Consequently, this draws the audience closer into believing they are viewing the actual events of five years ago.

Despite what many people might have thought, this film does not have any propaganda or subtle patriotic views hidden beneath the surface. It is purely a well-put-together movie depicting what might have happened that day.

Nearly every family of those onboard participated in the process of creating the film. From face-to-face interviews to reviewing the cast list, there were more than 100 family and friends involved.

Rated R for language and some intense sequences of terror and violence, "United 93" is a must-see film. Although the audience knows the outcome from the very beginning, it's still an intense and suspenseful film that depicts the confusion, endurance, violence and courage of a day that will never be forgotten.

A 'Vicious' disappointment

ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Managing Editor

It's no secret that comedian Dane Cook exploded into superstardom in the last year or two. The stand-up comedian has the most successful comedy album in years under his belt. He also has stand-up comedy appearances on a nation-wide scale, a few movie roles and a reality TV series all added to his resume. On Labor Day, Cook took the stage for the ultimate event, the one that announces to the world that a comedian has arrived. He had his first HBO special.

"Vicious Circle" was taped last summer in Cook's hometown of Boston. Visually, it was stunning, especially compared to the exposed brick walls the comedians of yesteryear performed in front of. In his trademark style, Cook ran and flailed about the suffi adorned stage with exceptional

energy. That energy just wasn't enough to save the show.

The great thing about Dane Cook is that his humor is not racially charged like many comedians these days. Instead of focusing on the differences between people, he focuses on the similarities we all have. However, now that Cook is a superstar he doesn't really have much in common with the people that make up his fan base. His superstardom also means that his interactions with people, which formerly took center stage, are not what they were when Cook was relatively unknown. Maybe it is because of this that his new material is lacking something.

Cook recycled several of the jokes he told on "Vicious Circle" but most of the material was brand new. The bit he did about cheating on his girlfriend was chuckle worthy, if a little uncomfortable to watch. The bit about Cook getting sneezed on started off strong and the final punch line was up to

Cook's standards- however, it got dull in the middle.

Cook has always been a tad bit on the vulgar side. Most comedic greats are. However, "Vicious Circle" seemed to focus much more strongly on sexual material than previous material did. On other specials, Cook told dirty jokes but they intermingled with jokes about Kool-Aid that were just as funny. There did not seem to be that balance that Cook appeared to have perfected.

Overall, watching "Vicious Circle" was a good way to spend an evening without spending any money. However, fans of Cook might be disappointed in the much-awaited special. Cook might have the effect of an indie band going mainstream- he is going to have to give the public what it wants and, therefore, sell out just a little. Here is to hoping that Cook can recover and still maintain his comedy god status after this setback.



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Dane Cook can recover from the disappointing HBO special 'Vicious Circle'.

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'Celebrity Duets' shows promise

KRISTEN HANNAGAN
Chronicle Correspondent

Celebrities that dance. Celebrities that ice skate. Celebrities that work minimum wage jobs. Every season features a new show in which celebrities perform some unfamiliar activity, but up until now one area has been left untapped; singing in duets.

This season, FOX ensures that those who care have the ability to view such a competition with the premiere of "Celebrity Duets."

However, those who have watched "American Idol" or those who are even familiar with the shows concept may feel that they are watching an old show with a different cast.

The stage looks familiar and even the actions of the judges mir-

ror those of Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and Simon Cowell. In their seats sit Little Richard, who offers honest critiques and criticism but at the same time has that "Huh? What did he just say?" factor, Marie Osmond, who makes sure that everyone knows she was once in the business, and David Foster, the "industry guy" who looks like a mix between comedian Ron White and Jessica Simpson's dad, Joe. And up on the stage in the Ryan Seacrest role is Wayne Brady, who has more personality than his "Idol" counterpart.

The celebrities in this competition fall in the "you may not know their name, but when you see them you know who they are" category.

Each week the celebrities will be paired with well-known singers, face the judges and then



Photo courtesy of realitytvwebsite.com
"Celebrity Duets" is the latest trend in reality television, but looks a lot like "American Idol."

the viewers will decide who will continue on, with the exception of the first episode, when the judges voted off the first contestant. At the end of the season, the winner will receive a \$100,000 check to donate to the charity of their choice.

Last week, three celebrity performances stood out in a positive way. Those were the ones of Jai Rodriguez, Alfonso Ribeiro and Hal Sparks. The performances showcased their abilities to work the stage while showing emotion and believability.

The other celebrities, Lea Thompson, Cheech Marin, Carly Patterson, Lucy Lawless and Chris Jericho, appeared to just be going through the motions or made the mistake of playing up the dramatics too much.

At the end of the evening, the judges decided that Chris Jericho's moment in the spotlight was over. A move like that in the first episode seems a bit brave, especially if the viewers are expected to vote for their favorites in the remaining episodes, but Cowell is the executive producer and has an idea of what he's doing.

The remaining episodes air Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00 p.m.

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Season Premieres

Tuesday Sept. 12

"Dancing with the Stars" 7 p.m. on ABC

Thursday Sept. 14

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Jessica's recipe corner

Baked Custard

3 eggs (slightly beaten)

¼ teaspoon salt

1/3 cup sugar

3 cups scalded milk

½ teaspoon vanilla

nutmeg or cinnamon to taste

Combine eggs, salt, and sugar. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly.

Add vanilla. Pour into custard cups, and sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon. Place in a pan of hot water and bake at 300 degrees for 30-35 minutes, or until a knife can cut the center. For a large mold, bake 45-50 minutes.

Brown, Acosto, bring personal expression back into music

MICHAEL FINNEY
Staff Writer

What happens when the resident musical genius of a particular band decides to part ways with the rock project that brought them notoriety? Often times they fade away, but occasionally they carry on alone or with a new group of people in an attempt to strike a new iron.

For Mike Brown, formerly of local post-hardcore legend Aterivia and Ruben Acosto, of the Florida/New York-based Noveltypes, continuing on has been the route to go. Brown spent last summer recording "Nanoo-Nanoo" then forming The Skies We Built, while Acosto continued under the Noveltypes name. One year into the new directions has given us a new record from both.

While the Skies record sees Brown visiting familiar guitar territory, he also makes efforts at a keyboard. His guitar work is still impressive but not refreshing within the "noodle and jam" song arrangements. The record is very anti-climactic in its total effect; the song that closes the record is also the one used to close out shows. In the context of the record, it fits, though live the song turns into a "Bono meets cowboy"

sing-a-long that just doesn't create any sort of "big bang" to close out a concert.

Acosto on the other hand, goes in every direction possible. He employed ten other fellow musicians to add their colors onto the canvas that became "Me, You, Zach & How I've Been." Using wind instruments, keyboards, stringed creations of all kinds, plus as many vocalists as he could put in front of a microphone, Acosto came up with what is probably the most personal underground recording you will miss hearing.

Is it enlightened ethereal landscaping or self-indulgent experimentation? We've seen a number of artists go down this route before in distant history, the recent past and even within our own local scene. For the two musicians mentioned here, braving this territory has brought both the joy of personal expression while also carrying along less public acclaim.

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The Chronicle Top Ten

Things to miss about Steve Irwin

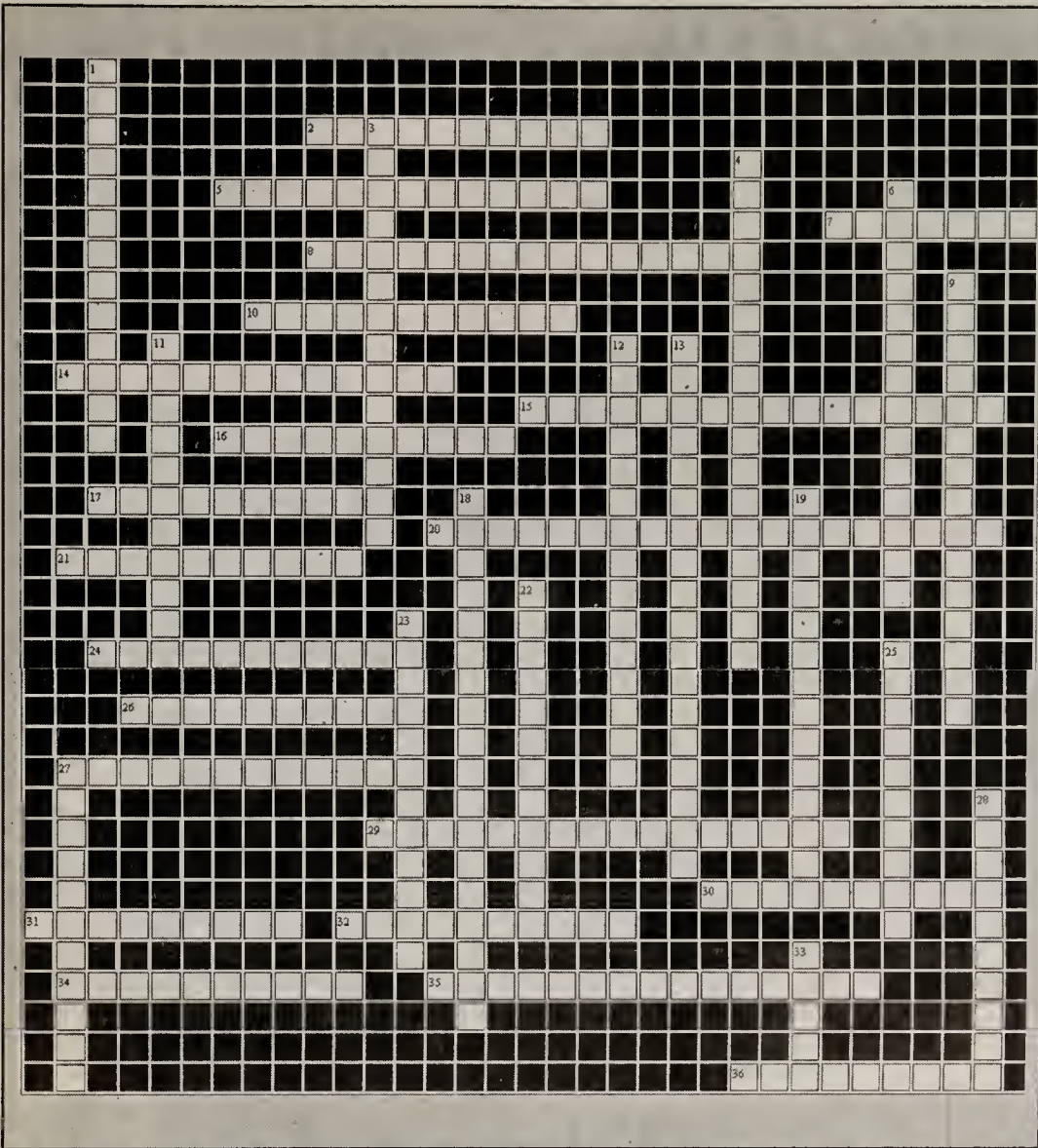
1. "Crikey!"
2. His courage
3. His humor
4. His accent
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"The Fall of the House of Usher"

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

"The Sound and the Fury"

1. "Frankenstein"

1. "Gulliver's Travels"

1. "The Great Gatsby"

1. "The Metamorphosis"

1. "Paradise Lost"

1. "The Last of the Mohicans"

1. "The Hobbit"

1. "Robinson Crusoe"

1. "The Catcher in the Rye"

1. "The Red Badge of Courage"

1. "The Lost World"

1. "Ulysses"

1. "To Kill a Mockingbird"

2. "Around the World in 80 Days"

1. "The Wonderful Wizard in Oz"

1. "Little Women"

1. "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"

Down

1. "A Room of One's Own"

3. "David Copperfield"

4. "Walden"

6. "Lolita"

9. "Jane Eyre"

11. "Leaves of Grass"

12. "The Canterbury Tales"

13. "The Scarlet Letter"

18. "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

19. "Moby Dick"

22. "Peter Pan"

23. "1984"

25. "Anna Karenina"

27. "The Bell Jar"

28. "Pride and Prejudice"

33. "The Odyssey"

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Saturday
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Partly Cloudy
73°/59°

Wednesday
September 13
Partly Cloudy
73°/62°

Sunday
September 20
Partly Cloudy
75°/60°

Thursday
September 14
Partly Cloudy
74°/63°

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LeVin holds softball tryouts

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

“That one’s outta here!” Coach Mark LeVin yelled to his daughter Amanda as she belted a line shot off of the fence in left field, narrowly missing a homerun.

“You slacker,” he said jokingly after it ricocheted onto the ground.

The women’s softball team is back in action. They held their fall tryouts last Saturday at their home field, Northgate Park in Dyer where six newcomers joined the second-year veterans in a two-hour workout session.

“It looks like we have a good balance of players in their skills and location,” said LeVin. “We’ve got a lot of girls from all around the area and they are all talented in a lot of different ways.”

The women were on the field from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday working on some defense and taking a few swings at the pitching machine.”

“It’s good that we are coming out here to bond early as a team,” said second-year player Amanda MacFarlane, “I’ve been playing with most of these girls over the summer but I’m excited about coming back

with a full team for the fall.”
The Lady Peregrines feel it is necessary to get some time outside while the weather permits. They also believe that getting these early practices in autumn will better their chances of success come spring.

Many of the new players on the tryout squad are eager to make a run for the PUC club softball team.

“I’ve been looking forward to this for the last two weeks,” said sophomore Nicole Enright. “I haven’t played in three months and I’ve been going through withdrawal.”

There is also a pitcher that was not able to attend that may bring their starting rotation back up to three hurlers.

The Lady Peregrines will begin the season with two new captains both of them second-year players and both performed well in limited time last season.

Co-captain Amanda LeVin felt good about the turnout of the tryouts and believes that Lacy Holevis and she are ready to motivate and help the team get to a competitive level by the start of the season.

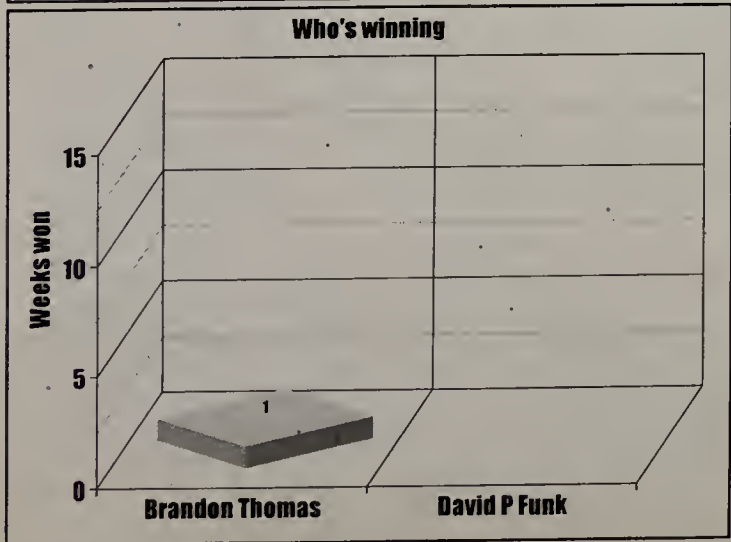
There will be a car wash held to raise money for the team on Sept 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and they will begin their fall scheduled games later this month.



Chronicle photo by Brandon Thomas
Father and Coach Mark LeVin watches as his daughter Amanda takes her first official swings of the fall season as the girls prepare for their first game in two weeks.

Chronicle Fantasy Showdown

How the Showdown will be scored			
Passing Touchdowns=	Field Goals 40-49 Yards=	4	
6 Points	Points		
Interceptions=	Field Goals 50+ Yards=	5	
-2 Points	Points		
Passing Yards	Point After Attempt Made=	1	
per 50 Yards=	Points		
1 Point	Allowing 0 points=	10	
Rushing Touchdowns=	Points		
6 Points	Allowing 1-6 points=	7	
Rushing Yards per 20 Yards=	Points		
1 Point	Allowing 7-13 points=	4	
Reception Touchdowns=	Points		
6 Points	Allowing 14-20 points=	1	
Reception Yards per	Point		
20 Yards=	Points Allowed 21-27 points	0	
1 Point	Points		
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6 Points	Points		
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2 Points	Fumble Recovery 2 Points		
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3 Points			
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Week 2 Running Backs

NFL Picks



Sports Editor Brandon Thomas' NFL RB of the week
Tiki Barber, New York Giants @ Philadelphia Eagles



Editor in Chief David Funk's NFL RB of the week
Shaun Alexander, Seattle Seahawks vs. Arizona

NCAA Picks



Brandon Thomas' NCAA RB of the week
Mike Hart, Michigan @ Notre Dame



David P. Funk's NCAA QB of the week
Steve Slaton, West Virginia vs. Maryland

Fall Frolic: A 10 week blue print

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

On November 12, PUC will be hosting the fifth annual Fall Frolic. Last Wednesday, training began for some participants who attended a seminar on preparing for the four mile run/walk.

A 10-Week Blue Print was the seminar on how to train for the Fall Frolic or any race. It provided a training program for beginning walkers and runners, intermediate runners and advanced runners.

Each level has different programs for the aspiring participant and progresses from light to advanced workouts every following week.

The beginner walking training programs range from about 20 minutes to 75 minutes in week seven of training. While the intermediate running begins with 16 miles a week and can get up to around 28 miles in the final seven days.

One of the most important parts of training for a race is to take the proper health precautions. The program for intermediate running has a couple of recovery weeks along with a taper week that is recommended in all of the training agendas.

"The recovery weeks are there to allow your muscles to heal so that you won't risk hurting yourself," said Coordinator of Fitness Center John Bobalik. "It is also very

Fall Frolic Course Directions

1. Start: 173 St. and Knickerbocker Prkwy.
2. Run East and turn left onto Osborn Ave.
3. Turn left onto 171 St.
4. Turn Left onto Wicker Ave.
5. Turn right on 173 St.
6. Turn right onto Woodmar Ave.
7. Turn left on 171 St.
8. Turn right onto Knickerbocker Prkwy.
9. Turn left onto 169 St.
10. Turn left onto Knickerbocker Prkwy and run
11. Turn left and run east back onto other side of Knickerbocker Prkwy
12. Turn right on 171 St.
13. Turn right onto Woodmar Avenue
14. Turn left onto 173 St.
15. Finish at chute 20 yards past PUC stop-light.

important not to push yourself too much the week before the race because you won't be ready come Sunday morning."

The intermediate class also involves strength training though Bobalik encourages that for the off-season. He says that is better to concentrate on either

strength or endurance and not both at the same time.

Six runners will receive awards. The top three students and faculty member will be presented with a prize during lunch after the



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

John Bobalik teaches Fall Frolic participants some of the best ways to train for the event. The training programs feature agenda for all levels from beginning walker to advanced runner.

race. The run is not just limited to PUC students and faculty.

Anyone is allowed to run in the event but it will only be students and faculty that will be eligible for the awards.

Sisters Katie and Lynn Sponzilli are both advanced walkers and will be attending the event. Katie is competing to beat her personal time from last year while Lynn is participating in her first Fall Frolic.

"I don't have much experience besides running to class," said Lynn. "But I think that it will be a lot of fun."

The Fall Frolic had over 400 participants last year and hopes to eclipse this number with close to 500 runners and walkers this November. Registration for the Fall Frolic must be completed before November 15.

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Dodgeball takes prisoners

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

Red, orange, green, blue, yellow and purple sailed through the REC Center air last Thursday night. No, this phenomenon was not the formation of a rainbow in the REC Center gym. This was the kickoff of the intramural sports season and dodgeball was the name of the game.

The sport has recently become popular since the movie "Dodgeball" premiered in 2004.

Open play, prison style dodgeball has been the annual sport to christen the REC Center's intramural events since before the movie. This semester will only feature two open play dodgeball nights rather than four, which was the traditional amount.

"We used to have four open play dodgeball nights a semester," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik. "But by the third or fourth time people stopped showing up. So we decided that two times would be enough."

There were about 20 to 30 people that jumped in and out of the arena throughout the night.

Prison style dodgeball is played in a more continuous manner than traditional dodgeball. Instead of being excluded from the game after being hit, the player has to

stand behind the opposing team in a "prison." These players can only return to the game if they come across a ball that passes into their boundary and hit an opposing player while still in the prison.

"Prison style allows the game to keep going longer," said Dudzik. "It also makes it a little harder because you have to look out in front and behind you."

While nothing was at stake for these gym class warriors, a feeling of competitive strength accumulated amongst the players. People dipping and diving to avoid balls while aggressively pegging opposing players was hardly executed in a discrete manner. Yelling, laughing and the squeak of tennis shoes echoing off the gym walls advocated well the nature of the event.

Lisa Cowper a senior and fitness management major said that she is always ready to compete. Cowper played a four year stint with the Lady Peregrines ending in 2005.

But this night was not filled with all fun and competitive excitement. At the beginning of one of the later rounds a player was hit in the face with the foot of one of his teammates. Will Leary laid on the ground with blood dripping on the floor from his nose while all of the players stood worried about his condition.

"That's a little Purdue love," said Adam Taylor, a junior in fitness management, making light of the situation.



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

The dodgeball warriors clash at mid court as the whistle signals the beginning of the match. Each team is engaged in a free-for-all to take captive as many opponents as possible.

There were no grudges held afterwards between the two people involved in the accident.

"Looks like just another dodgeball casualty," said Dudzik later.

The participants played until late in the night and it was yet another successful dodgeball experience at PUC.

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Time: 7 p.m.

Location: FRC 129

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